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By John F. Reynolds

SLOWLY, but steadily the Soviets are reinforcing their troops in Germany. This is a complete reversal of their previous policy which was to reduce their occupation troops gradually at the same rate as the East German People's Army grew up. Today there are six Soviet armies in winter quarters in Germany with 33 divisions, well supported by air force units featuring jet fighters with some bomber squadrons in reserve. During the last training exercises in October, their training emphasized river crossings such as would be necessary to hurdle the Elbe and Rhine. Both British and American intelligence officers in Germany agree that the Soviet army in Germany are strong enough to seize most of Western Europe.

THERE have been in Germany many up to today one British armored and one infantry division, thinly spread out in occupation posts, thereby almost inviting piecemeal destruction. Twenty thousand more British troops have now been transferred to West Germany. Attached to the British forces are one Belgian division, which is not quite complete, and some Norwegian and Danish troops. American troops in Germany are even weaker. Officially there are two U.S. divisions in Southern Germany. None of them is up to strength, and in addition their proportion of service troops is so high that their overall combat strength is even lower than that of the average British division. The French have three divisions in Germany, all below strength and ill equipped. Above all, four of the 33 Soviet divisions in Germany are armored. They are equipped with Josef Stalin III tanks, which military experts describe as one of the most powerful weapons of our time. Not one British Centurion tank, reputed to be the best tank in the world, is in Germany. What makes British and American commanders in Germany feel particularly uneasy is the fact that the Soviet divisions are not only traditionally well suited to winter warfare, but have also been specially equipped.

IT may have been a surprise for Salah el-Din Bey, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, who is at present in London, when he was informed in a private talk "off the record" that Britain is distinctly alarmed over the fact that Egypt has so far refused to make peace with Israel. He was warned that Israel is a country which has been recognized by the British Government and which is a member of the United Nations.

BRITAIN has about a division in the Middle East, the bulk of it in the Suez Canal zone. In Iraq and Jordan, the two Middle East countries with which Britain has defence treaties, Britain is chiefly represented by the Royal Air Force. But in the light of Egyptian intransigence Britain's defence scheme in the Middle East may have to be basically recast. Under active consideration is, therefore, a proposal which was first made by military experts in London about ten months ago. It was then suggested that Britain should try to reach some kind of defence arrangement with Israel. This would almost certainly antagonize Egypt even more, but might prevent the Cairo Government from playing with the idea of a deal with Moscow, which is by no means so fantastic as it sounds.

ONE of the proposals which Mr. Attlee discussed with President Truman was that there should be a Five Power top-level conference of Messrs. Attlee, Truman, Stalin, Mao and Nehru. The proposal was made by Indian Premier Nehru who also suggested that Delhi would be a suitable meeting place. One of the biggest shocks to American policy-makers was Mr. Churchill's blunt denunciation of MacArthur's disastrous offensive beyond the Korean waist-line and his support for peace by conciliation. Americans are apt to believe that Mr. Churchill would always insist on preserving the Anglo-American alliance whatever the costs and on supporting American policy of worldwide military containment of Communism. They have not yet seen Mr. Churchill's last letter down.

Belgian J'lem Plan Defeated

FLUSHING MEADOW, Saturday (UP). — The General Assembly of the United Nations yesterday declined to push its plans for the internationalization of Jerusalem. The refusal to make further efforts to implement the December 1949 internationalization resolution came as the Belgian resolution formally reaffirming the principle of a corpus separatum and establishing a negotiating committee failed by two votes to secure the required two-thirds majority.

The vote was 30 in favour, 18 against, with nine abstentions.

The Swedish resolution, as amended by the U.K., Uruguay and the U.S. and supported by Israel and Jordan, was not put to the vote, but the Assembly president, Mr. Nasrallah, announced that the session of the Assembly, but merely put it into recess sine die, there is still a chance that it may be put later.

The Belgian move failed despite the support of the powerful Arab League-Catholic coalition. Four Latin American states, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Uruguay, voted against the resolution, and Costa Rica and Mexico, with the Soviet Bloc, India and Canada, abstained.

As the matter now stands the Assembly has achieved exactly nothing this year as far as Jerusalem is concerned.

Israel's View

"The defeat of the Belgian resolution, coming after the report of the Trusteeship Council, that internationalization is impractical, is welcome evidence that the international community does not desire to impose a regime on the people of Jerusalem against their will," Mr. Moshe Toff, of the Israel U.N. delegation said.

"It is clear that the U.N. has the responsibility to give expression to the unique universal interests in Jerusalem which can be effectively discharged only in an atmosphere of agreement and co-operation," he said.

"The Assembly did not utilize the valuable opportunity that was offered this session by the agreement of Israel and Jordan on a practical plan for the Holy Places which was embodied in the modified Swedish resolution. The Israel Government will continue to do its utmost to preserve the Holy Places and guarantee religious rights throughout the territory of Israel," Mr. Toff concluded.

There were a number of interesting changes of votes between the Ad Hoc Political Committee and the plenary. Costa Rica, which was absent during the Committee vote, abstained in the Assembly. Haiti and El Salvador, which had previously voted in favour, were absent yesterday. Panama, which had previously abstained, voted against, while Liberia, which had voted against, was absent yesterday.

Km. 78 Survey To Begin Tomorrow

Israel will participate in a survey in the Wadi Araba area tomorrow to determine the location of the disputed Km. 78 Road. At the same time the Israel delegation to the Mixed Armistice Commission told a meeting of the M.A.C. at Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem on Friday that its decision on the use of the 1:100,000 map and its "interpretation" of the Rhodes armistice map were "illegal."

Israel proposed to the meeting that a survey team be sent immediately to the disputed area to take the necessary measurements and submit the results of its investigation to the M.A.C. for final decision, but this was rejected. The U.N. Chairman voting with the Jordanians. The Commission decided, however, with the Jordan delegates and the chairman, Colonel Bennet L. de Ridder, voting for and the Israel delegation against, "that the interpretation to be given to the map signed at Rhodes is that the demarcation line, in the disputed area, follows the international boundary between Palestine and Trans-Jordan, as defined by the Order in Council of the Palestine Government in 1922."

This interpretation was intended by the Rhodes signatories, the Jordan delegates and the chairman claimed. The Israel delegation announced that it did not recognize the validity of this decision. With this understanding, it proposed an amendment stating that "the international boundary between Palestine and Trans-Jordan is to be surveyed on the ground to find the line connecting the lowest points in the Wadi Araba, in accordance with the intention of the 1922 Order in Council." The amendment was accepted, with Israel and the chair-

U.N. Cease-Fire Talks Still In Progress

FLUSHING MEADOW, Saturday (Reuter). — Sir Benegal Rau, of India, one of the three members of the U.N. Commission which is trying to arrange a cease-fire in Korea, expects to confer informally over the weekend with General Wu Hsiu-Chuan, leader of the Chinese U.N. delegation.

The "Pescemakers" conferred for two hours yesterday with Mr. Ernest Gross who has been appointed by the U.S. to negotiate with them on behalf of MacArthur's command.

They discussed the basis on which the U.N. command's representatives thought a satisfactory cease-fire could be arranged.

The General Assembly went into recess yesterday with all its business completed — except the vital issue of Korea and Formosa.

Partial Adjournment

Although it was unable to adjourn completely, it was expected that most of the delegates who had arranged to leave for home immediately, would be able to do so.

Mr. Kistner explained that when the political committee had finished its work, he would convene the Assembly again. Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, urged that the political committee resume its work without delay.

Work has been held upon pending the outcome of the negotiations on the Korean cease-fire committee.

In addition to Korea, the committee has still to take up three other items:

1. The Soviet complaint of American aggression against China.
2. The Soviet complaint of American bombing of Manchuria.
3. The American request for a debate on the future of Formosa.

CHINA'S SEAT UNSOLVED

FLUSHING MEADOW, Saturday (Reuter). — The special seven-nation committee studying the question of China's representation in the U.N. decided yesterday to shelve the matter until further progress was made with plans for a Korean cease-fire.

The committee, meeting for the first time, elected Sir Benegal Rau of India as chairman and left him to decide when the next meeting should be held.

Lebanon Closes Border

To Diplomats, U.N.

The Lebanese government will no longer permit diplomats and U.N. personnel to cross into Israel at Ras en Nakura, according to the Arab News Agency in Beirut.

Entry into Israel will have to be made via Mandelbaum Gate at Jerusalem.

Hinnawi Assassin Given 18 Years

BEIRUT, Saturday (UP). — Mohammed Barazi was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment today for the murder of General Sami Hinnawi, last October. He was also ordered to pay Hinnawi's heirs \$25,000.

Barazi, who is a cousin of the former Syrian defence minister who was executed on the orders of Hinnawi, was defended by Habib Abu Shahlah, president of one of the Lebanese opposition parties.

The trial for treason of Muhsin Al-Hadi, a Damascus deputy, is due to begin tomorrow in this town. At the same time, a number of senior officers will be charged with obtaining money from Saudi Arabia to finance an armed revolt in Damascus.

INDIAN DEPUTY PREMIER DEAD

SARDAR, Saturday (Reuter). — Vallabhbhai J. Patel, Indian deputy Prime Minister, died here yesterday. He was 73.

He had been ill for over a month with a stomach disorder which had affected his heart. Patel took second place only to Sri Nehru as a Congress Party leader and as an outstanding figure in the politics of the new India.

Truman Declares Emergency; Attlee: Little A-Bombing Danger

P.M. Asks Settlement To Remove Causes of Friction

LONDON, Saturday (AP). — Prime Minister Clement Attlee promised Britain tonight that the atom bomb would not be used "lightly or wantonly. I know there is great deal of anxiety about the atomic bomb," he said in a nationwide radio broadcast yesterday, declaring:

Let me say at once that there is no ground whatever for any apprehension that this weapon would be used lightly or wantonly. But the fact that this weapon exists and that all know the terrible consequences which would result from its use, is a powerful deterrent to those who might think of breaking the peace of the world.

Mr. Attlee continued, "I am certain that the heavy responsibility of a decision as to its use rests, as far as the free peoples are concerned, in the hands of men who share to the full the humane feelings which have been expressed in so many messages to me from men and women on both sides of the Atlantic."

Met with Seiback

Mr. Attlee, giving the British people a report on his talks with President Truman in Washington, said, "The forces of the U.N. which defend the North Korea aggressors have now met with a setback owing to the intervention of Chinese troops. This has made a dangerous situation, more dangerous because if aggressors are allowed to get away with it, those who believe in the use of force all the world over will be encouraged," he said, explaining the West's stand "against appeasement" when the word means an abject surrender to Russian force.

But Mr. Attlee also called for a negotiated settlement of the Korean problem, which "must not spread into world war. We must seek a settlement which, while preserving the authority of the U.N., will remove the causes of friction."

These attacks followed an earlier announcement that the Communists were attacking only seven km. from the important east coast port. Today was the third consecutive day of the Communist assault.

Meanwhile, the Chinese were slowly but steadily accumulating men and supplies on the perimeter of the defensive area. It appeared that the Chinese strength, in particular at the railway town of Chayang, ten km. from Hwangnam, was increasing. Communist pressure from the west and northwest continued and small groups attempted to infiltrate both Corps lines during the night. A U.N. platoon, which was surrounded yesterday, had reached the Corps perimeter by today.

U.N. naval destroyers bombarded roads, junctions and rail lines in the area of the Communist attacks, according to latest reports today.

These attacks followed an earlier bombardment by the Navy's heavier armament — the big guns of cruisers of Chinese concentrations and supply dumps near the perimeter.

The attacks incessantly strafed columns of Communist troops down to the 38th Parallel, but those of the Chinese moved apart from skirmishes with Chinese north of the Parallel and North Korean south of it.

Russia Accuses France, Britain

LONDON, Saturday (Reuter). — Russia accused Britain last night of breaking the terms of the Anglo-Soviet alliance of 1942 and the Potsdam agreement of 1945, a Foreign Office spokesman said today.

Russia also accused France yesterday of systematic violations of the Franco-Soviet pact in a note sent to the French embassy in Moscow yesterday.

The Soviet Foreign Ministry's note said France was responsible for the deterioration of Franco-Soviet relations.

The 20-year Franco-Soviet treaty of alliance and non-aggression was signed in Moscow on December 10, 1944 and came into force on February 16, 1945.

The Anglo-Soviet alliance of 1942 states that the parties to the treaty undertook not to negotiate with any German government which had not clearly renounced aggressive aims in order to conclude an armistice or peace treaty, except in agreement with each other.

It was thought that Russia in its latest note was referring specifically to the demilitarization clauses of the Potsdam pact, on which the Soviet government recently proposed a meeting of the Foreign Ministers' council.

Political circles saw in these two notes an obvious attempt on the eve of the Atlantic Pact meeting in Brussels to drive a wedge between America and her principal European allies.

But there was also speculation here whether the notes marked some new form of action contemplated by the Kremlin.

NEW OFFICE OF DEFENCE MOBILIZATION CREATED

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP). — President Truman today proclaimed a state of national emergency, summoning America to marshal its strength against the threat of "communist world conquest." The proclamation called on all Americans for a united effort to build up the nation's armed forces and to throw the "full moral and material strength" of the country into "protection of its freedom."

President Truman created a new office of defence mobilization to "direct, control and coordinate all mobilization activities."

Its director will be Mr. Charles E. Wilson, President of the General Electric Co. Mr. Wilson will not only have authority over special defence agencies set up in the Commerce, Interior, Agriculture and other departments — but will also direct the defence activities of departments of the government.

The appointment is subject to Senate confirmation. Mr. Wilson's authority will compare with that of the wartime "Assistant President," Mr. James F. Byrnes, who headed the Office of War Mobilization.

Mr. Truman is delegating to him virtually all the authority granted by Congress to the White House in the defence production act of 1950.

The White House released a long list of laws carrying extraordinary powers, which it said became effective automatically with the declaration.

Reassertions of Power
But many of them were merely reassertions of powers already held by Mr. Truman under the defence production act and other post-war legislation.

Acting Press Secretary Stephen Early said it was uncertain whether Mr. Truman would use all the emergency powers. The proclamation is part of Mr. Truman's effort to put production-speeding, inflation-curbing machinery in motion behind the rearmament programme.

In his major broadcast address last night, Mr. Truman heralded the proclamation as

He asserted that within a year America would be turning out planes at five times the present rate and combat vehicles at four times today's output.

"These will not be weapons for our own armed forces alone," the President said. "They will constitute an arsenal for the defence of freedom."

Under the new emergency programme many young people would serve in the armed forces, others would be in the home front, and others would be in the defence of freedom.

President Truman's "report to the nation" indicated that price and wage controls would be imposed on a number of industries "in the immediate future."

Meanwhile, the general services administration, which handles the procurement of strategic materials for war, was preparing to take over all importing for the nation of key foreign goods.

U.S. Calls for West Hemisphere Parley

WASHINGTON, Saturday (AP). — The U.S. today called for a conference of Foreign Ministers from 21 Western Hemisphere nations to consult on Communism's threat to "the entire free world."

The meeting was proposed to "consider problems of an urgent nature and of interest to the American States." Edward G. Miller, Jr., Assistant Secretary of State, said the move stemmed from the programme of action laid down by President Truman's speech to the American people last night.

Truman Asks More Stockpiling Funds

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — President Truman last night asked Congress for an additional \$1,834,911,000 for stockpiling greater quantities of strategic and critical materials to accelerate the expansion of defence production.

Shortly after the President's request was made, the House passed an emergency defence bill, totalling \$1,809,304,434 containing \$16,845,181,000 for military purposes and the balance for accelerating the development of atomic energy.

French Strike at Guerrillas

HANOI, Saturday (Reuter). — French forces have struck from the Tonkin delta bridgehead against Vietminh guerrillas for the second time this week, according to a French army communique tonight.

Forces were pushed out quickly from the northern section of the 425-km. perimeter towards Haigou, about 60 km. northeast of here. Planes and field artillery pounded the fleeing guerrillas, a spokesman said.

Usually reliable military observers believed the French strike was a kind of "defensive offensive," designed to throw the massing guerrillas off their balance before they could mount an attack on the French bridgehead.

It was believed that they might be able to capture the Vietminh headquarters in Haigou in 1951.

The French reported 41 guerrillas killed, 18 prisoners and 60 wounded suspects from 40 operations in the delta during the past 24 hours.

The French air force over the same period kept up its bombing and strafing against guerrilla supply columns coming from the provinces of China.

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Jerusalem	70	69	71	72
Beer Sheva	78	77	79	80

Forecast: Fine.
A) Humidity at 3 p.m. yesterday.
B) Minimum temp. yesterday.
C) Maximum temp. yesterday.
D) Max. temp. expected today.

A Scroll Of The Law was yesterday discovered to have been stolen from a synagogue in Rehov Uziel Acosta in Tel Aviv.

About 400 families have registered in Jerusalem to take in immigrant children during the winter month.

More than 11,000,000 for public services has been allotted in the Naresh Municipality budget.

Higher Bread, Milk Prices Asked

An inquiry into requests for price rises in the bread and dairy industries and into problems of relations between chocolate manufacturers and the Ministry of Agriculture were set in motion following consultations between the Minister of Agriculture and representatives of the industries on Friday.

The Minister, Mr. Pinhas Lubianik, instructed Mr. Moshe Gertberg, Director-General of the Ministry, to study the complaints of a delegation of chocolate manufacturers whom he had received on Friday.

Claims of dairy producers for a rise in the price of milk were heard by Mr. Gertberg, who said he would consider the matter. A special committee was also appointed to investigate the claims of bakery owners in Meshava who had asked for a price rise.

M.A.C. Survey

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man voting in favour, against the opposition of Jordan.

This amendment was put by Israel after the first paragraph had been passed, on the understanding that it was a way of negating the validity of that decision. Previously Israel had suggested that the question of whether the line should run through the Jordanian and the Arab delegations.

In another amendment, constituting paragraph three of the resolution are finally adopted by the majority vote of the Jordanians and the U.N. chairman, the M.A.C. decided "that it would be best to use the largest scale official map available, which is the 1 to 100,000 scale map for the area. The M.A.C. further decided that this 1 to 100,000 scale map should be used by the survey team in ascertaining on the ground the exact position of the stretch of road under dispute."

It had no right to make a change in the armistice agreement, as this lay beyond its scope, the delegation declared. Israel expressed its belief in the chairman's good faith in voting the way he had.

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Arab Legion Sentry Kills Youth; Marauders Murder Immigrant

DAVID NAHMIA, 23, of Mamilla Road in Jerusalem, was fatally shot yesterday by an Arab Legion guard on the Old City Wall.

Naahmia was standing on the roof of a house in Mamilla Road, facing Jaffa Gate, when without warning an Arab trooper fired at him. He was rushed to Hadassah Hospital where he died several hours later.

Another Man Injured
In another incident, Hugo Budis, 45, of Ain Karem was shot and seriously injured in the neck. He was surprised at 2:15 on Saturday morning when unknown persons knocked at his door. When he opened it, a number of shots were fired from close range.

Police suspect that the crime was committed by infiltrators, who fled when the victim called out for help.

Haviv Arovas, 20, accidentally shot himself while on duty at the Girls' Agricultural Farm, near Talpiot, on Friday night. He was wounded in his left arm and was admitted to the Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem.

Animals Stolen
Later that night two cows, two donkeys and a mule were stolen from the farm of Mr. M. Cohen, of a village nearby. The tracks of the animals and of seven men, believed to have been the thieves, were followed by police to the Jordanian border.

Residents of the moshavim met yesterday, and demanded the installation of electric current, and asked that a doctor be stationed there permanently. They also asked that a labour exchange be opened there to save the long walk to Karkur.

Charges of witchcraft, and extortion of IL160 from Yehia Saleh, were brought against Shimon Saroum, 40, before the Jerusalem Chief Magistrate, Mr. M. Gaulan, on Friday.

The police charged that Saroum was approached by Saleh, who had been married for 19 years and had remained childless. The accused allegedly undertook to "drive away all evils which prevented Yehia from having children," and was said to have subsequently extorted sums of money from him on the pretence that the money was needed for charity.

Police confiscated several articles allegedly used by Saroum to impress Saleh with his "powers." Among them were a small egg, with tiny letters written on it, a sea-shell, and a pot filled with dirty water.

Mr. H. Alon, prosecutor, and Mr. Mordechai Levi appeared for the defence.

Inspector Ordered Men Beaten, Witness Claims
HAIFA, Saturday.—An assault on Gershon Ritov, a former Hagana commander, by Sergeant Schwartz and another plain-clothesman at Spinnery's restaurant here last April was described by A. Warberg, driver in the Mobile Police patrol, in the District Court here yesterday, at the continuation of the trial.

Later in the night, Schwartz and four other constables, armed with clubs, ambushed Ritov and a friend, near the Eastern police station on order of First Inspector D. Tryfus, the witness said. Tryfus had told them to "carry" the two men back to the station, he asserted.

Although man-handled, Ritov was able to run to the station for help. His friend was so beaten that he had to be carried back, Warberg said.

Court Appoints New Advocate for Mizrahi
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Later in the trial of Mizrahi and his brother Ya'acov for the murder of Haim Hendler was resumed on Friday.

Mr. G. Hauser was assigned by the Court to replace Dr. Frank.

Another request, asking for permission to consult the State Attorney, was not ruled upon by the Court, which left the matter entirely in the hands of the prosecutor and the State Attorney.

The trial will be resumed on Monday morning.

Tel Aviv's Shalom Press will be awarded at a ceremony on Tuesday, the anniversary of the poet's death.

New Chapter in Colonial Trust History
The imminent transfer to Israel of the Anglo-Palestine Bank marks a new chapter in the half-century history of the Jewish Colonial Trust, founded by Dr. Theodor Herzl as the first financial instrument of the Zionist World Organization, said Dr. A. Barth, Chairman of the 51st

general meeting held in Jerusalem on Friday nearly a full year after the end of the year under report.

As a holding company of the Anglo-Palestine Bank Ltd., the future "Bank Leumi le-Israel," the Trust owned on December 31, 1949 a total of 98,074 ordinary and A Ordinary shares of A.P.S. This holding appears in the balance sheet, mainly on the basis of a valuation made at the end of 1949. Cash balance was 50,000, against 147,250 at the end of 1948. Liquid assets 230,230 paid-up capital, and a general reserve of 150,000.

The directors recommended the transfer of 250,000 from the balance of profit and loss account to general reserve, and to carry forward a balance of 11,700.

The hope was expressed at the meeting that the substantial profits earned by the daughter company, the A.P.S., which distributed a dividend of 10 per cent, subject to tax for 1949, will in future be reflected in an adequate distribution to shareholders of the J.C.T.

This report was approved, and the retiring directors, Mr. I. Isakov and Mr. L. Gruenbaum, were re-elected.

Haifa Cuts Traffic Accidents by 31%

HAIFA, Saturday.—The road safety month held by the "Zehrut" Accident Prevention Association cut Haifa's accident rate by 31 per cent in November, while there was an increase in all other towns.

This was announced by A.S.P. Moshe Schleski, "testifying" at a mock trial held last night at the Ora Cinema.

He said that during 1949 a total of 4,700 traffic accidents were registered in Israel, an average of 14 a day. In these accidents 200 people were killed, another 2,194 were injured and IL12m. were lost.

Sixty-five per cent of all accidents were the fault of drivers; 25 per cent the fault of pedestrians, and the rest due to technical reasons.

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Pelleg Opposes Ban on German

TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The Citizenship Board's ban on the use of the German language on the concert stage was discussed at the Ministry of Education and Culture by Mr. Frank Pelleg, Director of the Ministry, and other Ministry officials.

Mr. Pelleg opposed the Board's refusal to permit Konrad Spertus, the American Negro bass, to sing the German lyrics of songs by Schubert, Brahms, and Mozart.

He said that during 1949 a total of 4,700 traffic accidents were registered in Israel, an average of 14 a day. In these accidents 200 people were killed, another 2,194 were injured and IL12m. were lost.

Sixty-five per cent of all accidents were the fault of drivers; 25 per cent the fault of pedestrians, and the rest due to technical reasons.

Later that night two cows, two donkeys and a mule were stolen from the farm of Mr. M. Cohen, of a village nearby. The tracks of the animals and of seven men, believed to have been the thieves, were followed by police to the Jordanian border.

Residents of the moshavim met yesterday, and demanded the installation of electric current, and asked that a doctor be stationed there permanently. They also asked that a labour exchange be opened there to save the long walk to Karkur.

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TEL AVIV, Saturday.—A seven-year-old boy and a 15-year-old girl were killed in traffic accidents in the coastal plain yesterday.

Ya'acov Weiss was walking with his mother along Rehov Hagallim in Hadera when he ran into the road and was hit by a lorry from Pardes Hanna. The driver was arrested and released on bail.

Bracha Nachum was knocked down by a hit-and-run car on the main Tel Aviv-Herzlia road near Sheikh Muwannis. She was taken to hospital where she died.

Electrocuted at Work
TEL AVIV, Saturday.—While working on an electric polishing machine, Berdion Yermiyahu was electrocuted yesterday. He had been employed by a car-polishing firm in Rehov Jaffa-Tel Aviv.

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The mixed survey team will also investigate at the same time the murder of an Israel Army officer near Kibbutz 62.

Last Day to Buy Bonds for Drawing

All banks will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today to sell bonds of the 1950 loan. The first drawing is to take place tomorrow at noon in Jerusalem.

Dutch Press Suez Canal Protests

THE HAGUE, Saturday (AP).—The Netherlands Government today reiterated its opinion that the Egyptian government is not acting in accordance with the 1888 Suez Canal convention regarding the free passage of ships.

In a short communique the Foreign Office denied that the Dutch government had taken fresh action in this matter. It made clear that the Netherlands government, in two successive notes, dated August 27 and October 7 this year, informed Egypt of her objections to the latest Egyptian measures, hampering free passage through the Canal.

The instruction to the Netherlands Minister in Cairo on December 3 to tell Egypt that her answer to the Netherlands note was considered unsatisfactory, "is nothing but the continuation of our original action," the communique said.

FOG IN SUEZ
PORT SAID, Saturday (Reuter).—Fog was today holding up all traffic through the Suez Canal. Twenty-two vessels from Suez and 21 from Port Said were held up and others were waiting at the entrance to the two ports at the extremities of the canal.

Fog is not usual at this time of the year.

The Suez Canal will be discussed at a forthcoming Ankara conference of United States ministers in the Middle East, Ankara Radio said last night.

Mr. George McGhee, Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Near East and African affairs, will come from America to preside, the broadcast stated.

Britain Transfers More Troops to W. Germany
LONDON, Saturday (AP).—The War Office directed last night the transfer of trained British troops, including armoured infantry and anti-aircraft units, to posts in Western Germany.

The troops were ordered transferred from posts in Austria, Britain and Trieste. This means that British army strength in Western Germany is being increased by at least 30,000 men. Britain now has approximately 50,000 troops in Germany, including one armoured division.

Poland to Withdraw Consuls from UK Zone
WARSAW, Saturday (AP).—All Polish consuls are being withdrawn from the British zone of Germany, a note handed to British Ambassador Sir Charles Balaen last Wednesday and released today said.

The note accused the British authorities of breaking into the Polish Consulate in Hamburg last Monday and evicting consulate employees.

Histadrut Winds Up British Tour
LONDON, Saturday (Reuter).—Seven members of the Histadrut yesterday completed one of the most thorough investigations of the British political and industrial scene ever undertaken by a visiting friendship mission.

Since they arrived 12 days ago they have met cabinet ministers, trade unionists, Labour Party and Cooperative officials, and have visited Parliament, government offices, mines and factories in the south of England, County Hall, and the offices of the "Daily Herald."

The delegation, headed by Mr. Reuben Burein, leaves for Israel on Monday.

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DR. Bunche, who ought to know, gave the stamp of authenticity to the boundary map which is an integral part of the Rhodes Armistice Agreement between Israel and Jordan; and a week ago, within the compass of the Agreement, General Riley decided upon a joint survey to settle the exact location of a disputed stretch of road in relation to the boundary. When the Israel delegation agreed to take part in the survey, it was bound to infer that the physical verdict would be based on that Armistice map.

On Friday, however, the U.N. chairman voted with the Jordan members of the M.A.C. to relate the survey to the boundary between Palestine and Trans-Jordan as described in the Palestine Order in Council, 1922. The ruling has very properly been challenged by the Israel delegation as being ultra vires. It is altogether right for the U.N. staff vigorously to assert the powers they hold by devolution from Lake Success, but those powers hardly entitle them to say that a line accepted by the parties to an armistice, for reasons and purposes and in circumstances utterly dissimilar from those applying to two segments of a mandated territory, shall now be read as following another course than the one drawn on the armistice map in clear cartographical terms. To say that is to beg the question and prejudice the issue; and it was also less than judicial to reject out of hand an Israel suggestion that the Geographical Section of U.N. should be the arbiter of demarcation.

It remains to be seen how the joint survey will proceed. If, in the issue, it goes ahead according to the 1922 Order in Council, then at least it will have to translate on to the ground the geographical definition which was formulated at the time, making the boundary a line which passes through the lowest points in the Wadi Arabi. But Israel takes its stand first and foremost upon the Rhodes map, as an inseparable provision of the Armistice Agreement itself and as such the only legitimate criterion. In maintaining that stand, it is likely to have the backing of informed opinion, and any arbitrary relegation of the Rhodes line and its substitution by some obsolete boundary would probably have a rough passage in an international court.

THE worst thing about new inventions is that some of their noisier effects speedily come to be taken for granted. Railways brought burning hawks and stampeding cattle wherever they went; houses were shaken till their walls cracked and people living near termini complained they could not sleep. To this very day, fifty years or so after the invention of the aeroplane, about two million people living uncomfortably near London Airport stage an annual mass complaint about the din. Cellar fall babies howl, parents come down to breakfast haggard with loss of sleep, and it has become routine to switch off radios for long periods in summer, when nothing can be heard because of drumming engines. Poor helpless sheep, these English, to put up with it!

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P.M.'S VISIT KEPT OFFICIAL CIRCLES GUESSING

London Buzzed with 'B.G.' Rumours

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, December. — IF the Korean crisis had not absorbed everyone's attention, the sudden arrival of the Israel Prime Minister, on a private visit, and his immediate disappearance from view within minutes of landing at London airport, would have set the gossip columns, if not the editorialists, wagging their typewriters. As it was, Mr. Ben Gurion was the subject of only the mildest and most tentative speculation in the press.

In private, of course, more was heard, especially in view of his call on Mr. Venizelos during his stay in Greece. It does not take an expert to realize that, taking the two events into account, one gets somewhere in the vicinity of that East Mediterranean scheme which the strategists have been hatching since last spring. But why the secrecy? And why choose a moment when Mr. Attlee and his Foreign Secretary were otherwise engaged? Because, say the wisecracks, the ground must be discreetly prepared and this can best be done by informal contacts. Besides, neither Mr. Ben Gurion nor Mr. Bevin may feel very anxious for a meeting. But there are others, the name of one highly-placed British Cabinet Minister has in fact already been mentioned, but not in print—and there are dark rumours of secret meetings. All this may be nonsense, but pressmen-like to feel that they are at the centre of affairs, and so they were very busy discussing these rumours and treating them with due seriousness.

It is only fair to add that those who should know, especially in quarters not far removed from the Israel Legation, braved ridicule and cynicism by insisting loyally that there was not a word of truth in all these rumours. Weary of the British Government's originality in understanding his instructions were likely to be confused. The fact seems to be that MacArthur induced the President and the State

than once gone off on holiday at a moment's notice; that he was badly in need of rest; that he was the sort of man who would rather hang around a bookshop, or even a cathedral, than talk to a fellow statesman; and that he is as much entitled to privacy as the next man. All this was said, and said with emphasis and what looked like good faith. But journalists are a sceptical breed, and there is no doubt that the rumour which linked his arrival with the recent Greco-Turkish inclusion in the Atlantic Pact system, found more credence than the most strenuous official denials.

Morrison Surprised

One thing is certain: the secret—if anything so innocuous should be described as a secret—was well kept. It was, for instance, kept from Mr. Herbert Morrison, who heard the news from an Israel journalist at an official function 24 hours after Mr. Ben Gurion's arrival, and about six hours after the press had been called in. He was just as surprised as were the correspondents of the Israel newspapers, one or two of whom narrowly missed being informed by the super-secretive staff of the Israel Legation in time to cable their papers. If he experienced any feeling besides that of surprise, he kept it to himself. For one knows he may have accepted the official explanation that Mr. Ben Gurion was not coming to London and was seeing nobody.

Shinwell on MacArthur. The only other comparable excitement here has been over Mr. Shinwell's disclosure that General MacArthur had gone beyond his instructions—or rather, to put it more precisely, that he had gone beyond what the British Government originally understood his instructions were likely to be. This point has caused some confusion. The fact seems to be that MacArthur induced the President and the State

Department to send him fresh instructions, and that fear of what the Republicans might say was a major factor, to put it mildly, in the Administration's failure to take Mr. John Foster Dulles' sensible advice and stop at the Korean "wait." This process went on until MacArthur had satisfied himself—at some cost to his troops—that the Chinese were really there.

It is said that when the news of Mr. Truman's celebrated atom bomb press conference reached Westminster in the middle of the foreign affairs debate, Mr. Bevin exclaimed to Mr. Attlee, who was sitting next to him on the Treasury Bench: "Now he'll have to listen to what we tell him." Whether he will is not, at the time of writing, quite certain. But it is already clear that even the Conservatives are no longer disposed to support MacArthur, although in public they loyally stick up for him. And just now the British, from Winston Churchill to Aneurin Bevan, are in no mood for war with China.

ISRAEL SIGNS UNESCO AGREEMENT



In a ceremony at U.N. Interim Headquarters presided over by Secretary-General Trygve Lie, representatives of 17 nations signed a new international convention which will allow a wide range of educational, scientific and cultural materials to move across frontiers free of duty. Above: Mr. Arthur Lourie, of Israel, signs the agreement. (Unafico Photo)

Readers' Letters

LANGUAGE AND CENSORSHIP

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — It was a shock to read that Brahms, Schubert and Mozart songs have been deleted from the Israel repertoire of the Censorship Board. Against whom is such censorship directed? Against those famous composers who, belong to the whole world? The only victims of such unwarranted restrictions would be the music lovers in this country.

And another question: How many censorship boards have we? I have been aware only of the military postal and press censorship and the film censorship. Yet our censors are apparently active in other fields as well. Are all these manifold censorship activities based on Israel laws or on the Emergency Regulations, that wretched legacy of the Mandate?

Yours, etc.
Dr. JOSEF KANAN
Jerusalem, December 12.

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — During the electioneering campaign, no objections were raised from any quarter while leaders of all political parties from left to right used the German language in order to canvass. The ban on the German language is well-timed. I wonder whether the majority of the people would not rather listen to a song by Schubert with the original words than to a speech by Mr. Ben Gurion in German. I trust we shall have overcome this hypocrisy in time for the next election campaign.

Yours, etc.
ILSE MORITZ
Tel Aviv, Dec. 14.

SOLDIERS' DEPENDANTS

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — In reply to Mrs. Adele Halabé's letter in your issue of December 1, we are informed by the War Sufferers' Department of the Rehabilitation Section, that in accordance with the Law for Dependents of Soldiers who Fell in the War, Compensation and Rehabilitation—1950, payments will be made at the end of each month and not as heretofore.

Yours, etc.

Wim De Vries at the piano is an artist in his own right, his sublime touch and phrasing were a delight.

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THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Controlling Profits and Prices

By Gerda Luft

THE bill for the Control of Prices and Profits passed its first reading last week and will now be dealt with in committee. It will probably become law with only minor alterations and thus the legal basis will be provided for a permanent control of profits and prices in this country. There is, it is true, the important qualification that the law will be valid only so long as a "state of emergency exists." And the Knesset is to decide when this state of emergency is to end.

The purposes, however, for which the bill is drafted are manifold and include, amongst others, measures necessary for the care of immigrants. This goal alone makes it quite clear that the state of emergency will exist for years to come, as the integration into Israel life of the hundreds of thousands of newcomers must be a long and tedious process. The Knesset had, therefore, to deal with a bill, which, although an emergency measure, will regulate life in this country for a long time and will affect the life of every citizen.

Explanation Asked

At the beginning of the debate, Mr. Minz, of the Religious Bloc, asked for the views of the Ministers of Agriculture and of Trade and Industry on the new measures

proposed. He argued that the House would be able to deal more efficiently with the bill if the heads of the two departments charged with implementing the "new economic policy" would expound their case. This demand was rejected, and thus the Knesset was treated to another version of the old discussion on the pros and cons of controls.

This is the second discussion of the kind during the last few weeks. When the rent restriction ordinance was tabled as one of the bills designed to replace the Emergency Regulations which expired on December 10, an economic debate followed dragging in all the well-known arguments for and against a directed economy.

As the Minister of Finance is due to report to the House on the economic position this week, and a general discussion on economic policy will then take place, last week's general debate on controls seems all the more unnecessary. It would have been more logical if the Knesset had held the general discussion first, and moulded the laws concerned with control according to the general line developed during this debate.

Zionists for Controls

There was one remark in the discussion on Profit and Price Control which should be specially noted. Mr. Sapir, of the General Zionists, admitted the necessity of controls under certain economic conditions, and was not sufficiently stressed in the discussion. Experience, especially during the anti-black market drive, has taught us that such safeguards are essential for maintaining civil freedom and the citizen's security.

Ma'abarot Discussion

Two days of last week's session were taken up by discussion on the Ma'abarot. The question of what safeguards could and should be devised to avoid the abuse of the wide powers which must be granted to Government as a whole and to the various departments for the enforcement of controls was not sufficiently stressed in the discussion. Experience, especially during the anti-black market drive, has taught us that such safeguards are essential for maintaining civil freedom and the citizen's security.

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liberations on the position in the Ma'abarot which followed the Minister of Labour's review. That the galleries were almost empty both days and that on Wednesday attendance among members, too, was poor are signs of public negligence of this issue. Nobody can doubt that the fate of the tens of thousands who face the winter in tents and frail huts, often without the possibility of purchasing the necessary clothes to shield them from cold and rain, or furnishings to make life more comfortable. But the appeals made by many members for medical help, for shelter for children, for the fulfillment of a duty to the newcomers did not carry the conviction that one would expect.

There was much speculation in the lobbies as to why this should be so. Some accused the Government, others the public. All were agreed that despite stories and appeals, many are not aware of conditions in the camps which are practically next door to the settled population.

Mrs. Myerson told the House that every person in a camp needs IL-15 for the purchase of the barest necessities and that the Government has for the present allocated IL-500,000 for loans to the many families who are now living in the Ma'abarot without even the primitive equipment provided formerly by the Jewish Agency. The debate served at least one useful purpose; it made it quite clear that the fate not only of the people in the camps but also of immigration and the country as a whole, will be decided by the steps taken to tide them over the next year.

STANDING TICKETS

To the Editor of THE POST
Sir, — To my great disappointment I heard today from the organizer of the Haifa Chamber Music Society that the Municipality has forbidden the sale of standing room tickets in the foyer of the Bat Harofa where concerts are held.

Since it is utterly impossible for a person who has not secured a subscription ticket to the L.P.O. years ago, to attend a concert in Haifa, and since the H.C.M.S. are the only ones so far who are organizing concerts, many would be grateful to the management if it would revise its judgment and let music-hungry people stand and enjoy good music.

Yours, etc.
RUTH FLEISCHMANN
Haifa, Dec. 13.

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